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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Corporation of the Presiding Bishopric, Little Cottonwood Granite Project, S/035/017, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

Thank you for filing your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations which was received by the Division on March 20, 1998. The application for the proposed Little Cottonwood Granite Project, located in Section 8, Township 3 South, Range 2 East, SLBM, Salt Lake County, Utah is complete. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of the small mining operation rules (R647-3 et seq.), and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975.

Let me make a clarification regarding our acceptance of this notice. Our acceptance is based upon our understanding that the latest "redlined" version of the proposed disturbed area map (showing the shift in the access road corridors), will be used. You showed us a copy of this map during an onsite inspection of the project area on April 6, 1998. You stated that you would be presenting this revised map to the Salt Lake County Planning Commission for their review and approval. Once accepted by the planning commission, we asked that you provide us with a copy of this drawing. We do not believe that minor deviations in the proposed lay out of the design drawing(s) will change our acceptance decision as long as the total disturbed area remains under five acres. However, if the planning commission requires significant revisions/changes to this project design drawing (or to the other design drawings included in your small mining notice), then we may need to reevaluate the plan for compliance with the applicable small mining rules. Regardless of the significance determination, we will require updated copies of any revised design drawings so that your small mining operation permit remains current.

One suggestion for final reclamation of the site would be to include random placement of boulders in the reclaimed roads and staging areas to minimize the visual impact and also prevent post-mining vehicle traffic on the reclaimed areas.

It is our opinion that the supplemental information provided as part of the small mining permitting process adequately addresses our March 19, 1998 review comments of the Salt Lake County Planning Commission's conditional use permit application.

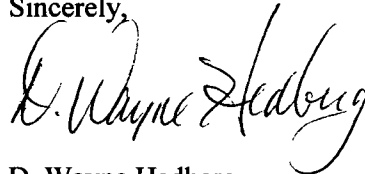
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Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation for a small mine, please notify us as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice typically takes nine (9) months or longer to process.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this permitting action. Best wishes in your mining operation. Please reference our designated file number S/035/017 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,



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